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Amendment

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Offered by:

REP. DOYLE, 28th Dist.

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***"AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPENDITURES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES."***

1 In line 1, before "(NEW)", insert "Section 1."

2 After line 12, add the following:

3 "Sec. 2. Subsection (a) of section 17b-261 is repealed and the
4 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) Medical assistance shall be provided for any otherwise eligible
6 person whose income, excluding benefits received under the Senior
7 Community Services Employment Program, Title V of the Older
8 Americans Act, 42 USC 3056, et seq., but including any available
9 support from legally liable relatives and the income of the person's
10 spouse or dependent child, is not more than one hundred forty-three
11 per cent, pending approval of a federal waiver applied for pursuant to
12 subsection (d) of this section, of the benefit amount paid to a person
13 with no income under the temporary family assistance program in the
14 appropriate region of residence and if such person is an

15 institutionalized individual as defined in Section 1917(c) of the Social
16 Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c), and has not made an assignment or
17 transfer or other disposition of property for less than fair market value
18 for the purpose of establishing eligibility for benefits or assistance
19 under this section. Any such disposition shall be treated in accordance
20 with Section 1917(c) of the Social Security Act, 42 USC 1396p(c). Any
21 disposition of property made on behalf of an applicant or recipient or
22 the spouse of an applicant or recipient by a guardian, conservator,
23 person authorized to make such disposition pursuant to a power of
24 attorney or other person so authorized by law shall be attributed to
25 such applicant, recipient or spouse. A disposition of property ordered
26 by a court shall be evaluated in accordance with the standards applied
27 to any other such disposition for the purpose of determining eligibility.
28 The commissioner shall establish the standards for eligibility for
29 medical assistance at one hundred forty-three per cent of the benefit
30 amount paid to a family unit of equal size with no income under the
31 temporary family assistance program in the appropriate region of
32 residence, pending federal approval, except that the medical assistance
33 program shall provide coverage to persons under the age of nineteen
34 up to one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty level
35 without an asset limit. On and after January 1, 2001, said medical
36 assistance program shall also provide coverage to persons under the
37 age of nineteen and their parents and needy caretaker relatives who
38 qualify for coverage under Section 1931 of the Social Security Act with
39 family income up to one hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty
40 level without an asset limit, upon the request of such a person or upon
41 a redetermination of eligibility. Such levels shall be based on the
42 regional differences in such benefit amount, if applicable, unless such
43 levels based on regional differences are not in conformance with
44 federal law. Any income in excess of the applicable amounts shall be
45 applied as may be required by said federal law, and assistance shall be
46 granted for the balance of the cost of authorized medical assistance. All
47 contracts entered into on and after July 1, 1997, pursuant to this section
48 shall include provisions for collaboration of managed care
49 organizations with the Healthy Families Connecticut Program

50 established pursuant to section 17a-56. The Commissioner of Social
51 Services shall provide applicants for assistance under this section, at
52 the time of application, with a written statement advising them of the
53 effect of an assignment or transfer or other disposition of property on
54 eligibility for benefits or assistance."